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| ACTION REQUIRED   | FYI   |                                 | XX MARKED FOR INDEXING<br>NO INDEXING REQUIRED<br>INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED<br>BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY |
| REFERENCES  | <p>1. During our contact with Hans DAUFELDT (former Amt VI officer in Switzerland during WWII), he referred to efforts by top SD levels to establish contacts with the Soviet Union near the end of WWII. Although we questioned him fairly closely, his knowledge sheds little new light on this subject. However, he did provide information on one of the SD's middlemen in this effort which is reported herewith.</p> <p>2. Sometime in the late summer or fall of 1944<br/> <u>Freiherr von RHEINBACHEN</u><br/>         DOB: circa 1890<br/>         (Note: This is probably<br/>         Werner Karl Ferdinand Freiherr von RHEINBACHEN<br/>         DOB: 19 November 1878<br/>         POB: Schmiedeburg, Germany<br/>         OCC: Diplomat and politician, now retired<br/>         ADD: Hessstr. 2, Muenchen 13)</p> <p>arrived in Switzerland and contacted DAUFELDT (Source) at the German Consulate in Lausanne. RHEINBACHEN stated he had come to Switzerland to set up contacts with the Soviet Union at the order of Walter SCHELLENBERG. He explained that all present efforts to reach an agreement with the West had failed, but were being continued. SCHELLENBERG hoped to take advantage of RHEINBACHEN's diplomatic and special connections (RHEINBACHEN had been a former adjutant of the Kaiser) in setting up contact with the Soviets, and had provided him with funds and documents to travel with his wife to Switzerland. His mission was allegedly known only to SCHELLENBERG and was revealed to Source to only the extent necessary. RHEINBACHEN wished to be given some position in the German Consulate in Lausanne, but Source explained this was impossible. Therefore, they arranged for occasional clandestine meetings between Geneva and Lausanne. On one of these occasions RHEINBACHEN stated that he had established contact to the Soviets through a Rumanian Consul or General-Consul, presumably in Geneva. After several months RHEINBACHEN and his wife were expelled from Switzerland.</p> <p>3. During their first meeting Source asked RHEINBACHEN whether SCHELLENBERG actually wished to initiate peace talks with the Soviets and who really was behind this effort, HIMMLER or the Foreign Office on HITLER's order. RHEINBACHEN stated that SCHELLENBERG was certainly in favor of such steps, but the actual power behind this move was not known to him.</p> |                                 |   |
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4. Source talked about this subject in 1944 with EGOEN, one of SCHELLENBERG's agents, in Switzerland who said he had heard of SCHELLENBERG's efforts in this direction, but provided no names or details. (Note: EGOEN is undoubtedly

Hans-Wilhelm \* EGOEN

DOB: 5 June 1912

ADD: Hannover, Thomasstr. 3).

SCHELLENBERG himself on several occasions told Source that Heinrich MUELLER of Amt IV certainly had connections with the Soviets, particularly since he was a long-time Social Democrat with Russian sympathies.

5. Source stated that RHEINBABEN had been an agent of his until taken over personally by SCHELLENBERG at the end of 1943. RHEINBABEN is identical with the SD and Sipo agent mentioned in the German Primer. It is interesting to note that

Dr. Otto VON \* ERDMANNSDORF

who is still an UPHILL staffer, is related through his wife to RHEINBABEN who although 84 years old is now living in Munich.

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